

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on February 22, 2017 at 8:05 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 516, 2/21/2017; HB 526, 2/21/2017

HEARING ON HB 516**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:17 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 516, Allow for civil action to collect certain delinquent property taxes.

EXHIBIT(tah39a01)**Proponents:**

00:07:11 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

00:09:09 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents:

00:10:17 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

Informational Witnesses:

00:12:12 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:44 Rep. White
00:16:18 Rep. Dudik
00:16:48 Rep. A. Hertz
00:17:37 Rep. Dudik
00:18:29 Rep. A. Hertz
00:19:10 Eric Bryson, MACo
00:20:08 Rep. Beard
00:20:26 Rep. Dudik
00:21:36 Rep. Z. Brown
00:22:02 Bob Story, Montax
00:22:29 Rep. G. Hertz
00:22:56 Dan Whyte, DOR
00:23:48 Chair Essmann
00:24:54 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
00:26:41 Chair Essmann
00:30:14 Dan Whyte, DOR
00:31:34 Rep. Dudik
00:32:08 Chair Essmann
00:33:02 Rep. Dudik
00:33:39 Rep. Flynn
00:35:03 Rep. Dudik
00:35:58 Rep. B. Smith
00:37:35 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
00:38:23 Chair Essmann
00:38:30 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
00:38:53 Rep. Welch
00:39:02 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
00:39:23 Rep. A. Hertz
00:39:54 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
00:40:39 Rep. G. Hertz
00:41:17 Rep. Dudik
00:42:07 Dan Whyte, DOR

00:42:47 Rep. Welch
00:43:29 Chair Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:32 Rep. Dudik

HEARING ON HB 526

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:33 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 526, Revise tax deed assignment for delinquent property taxes.

Proponents: None

Opponents:

00:58:29 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah39a02)

01:05:52 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:36 Chair Essmann
01:08:52 Rep. Jacobson
01:09:42 Chair Essmann
01:10:16 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
01:10:37 Eric Bryson, MACo
01:10:57 Rep. Welch
01:13:51 Rep. Z. Brown
01:14:32 Rep. Jacobson
01:14:45 Rep. Galt joined the meeting
01:15:32 Rep. Redfield
01:15:55 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA
01:17:04 Rep. Fern
01:19:00 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:41 Rep. Jacobson

01:22:58 Recessed

01:32:50 Reconvened

Committee Business:

01:33:09 Chair Essmann
01:34:59 Rep. Fern
01:35:17 Rep. Dunwell
01:35:32 Rep. White
01:36:45 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:38:21

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah39aad.pdf](#))